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Shindig heats up Highlands

"The Kowalski sisters," Irene Merritt, left, and Karen Frybort of Ragged Company sing to a sold-out Highlands Christmas Shindig on Saturday at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. Produced by Mike Jaycock and Lorraine McNeil, the variety show included 34 performers, 33 sponsors, 26 contributors/prize donors, 27 volunteers and five media sponsors. More on page 11./DARREN LUM Staff

Martin nets tourism award

ANGELICA INGRAM
Staff Reporter

Barrie Martin is a champion. The tourism advocate for Haliburton County walked up to the stage on the evening of Nov. 22 with the Queen anthem *We are the Champions* blaring over the loudspeaker as he accepted the Tourism Champion of the Year Award at the Ontario Tourism Awards of Excellence. Held in Ottawa, the ceremony celebrated some of the best achievements in the tourism sector and Martin was named one of three finalists for one of the top awards, presented by the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario. The event was hosted by the CBC's Heather Hiscox, and had approximately 400 people in attendance, said Martin.

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Student brings home acting honour from one-act play festival

ANGELICA INGRAM
Staff Reporter

Hannah Klose is no stranger to the stage, both in Haliburton and beyond the county's borders. The 17-year-old student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School loves to be

in the spotlight, and is gaining a reputation as a thespian and musical star. Earlier this month, Hannah participated in the Eastern Ontario Drama League's One-Act Festival in Perth with the Highlands Little Theatre. The group performed *George is Dead*, with Hannah acting in one of the main roles. The teenager thoroughly enjoyed the

experience and was shocked to find out she was awarded one of the top acting honours, the Pauline Grant Award for an actress in a leading role. "Why I won it, they said, was for my portrayal of an older character with conviction," said Hannah. The teenager was playing a middle aged woman named Carla, who was feeble and weak.

"She gave into others' wills before her own," said Hannah. Hannah didn't even attend the awards ceremony put on by the Drama League, and was surprised when fellow cast member Sue Black told her the news of her win.

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Haliburton welcomes Santa

Right, Santa Claus waves to people, who lined Highland Street for the annual Santa Claus Parade on Friday, Nov. 25 in Haliburton. Organized by the Haliburton and District Lions Club and the BIA (Business Improvement Area), the event included more than 32 entries, which included the two bands, the Correctional Services Canada Community Pipes and Drums from Bracebridge and the Kawartha Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps from Lindsay, and drew hundreds, who lined the street for the parade and a chance to see Santa./DARREN LUM Staff



The Kawartha Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps of Lindsay march down Highland Street./DARREN LUM Staff



Flag bearers with the Kawartha Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps of Lindsay wave their lit flags for the annual Santa Claus Parade on Friday, Nov. 25 in Haliburton./DARREN LUM Staff



Above, Children wave from a float on Highland Street for the annual Santa Claus Parade on Friday, Nov. 25 in Haliburton.

Left, Dancers from the Haliburton Dance Academy perform on Highland Street for the annual Santa Claus Parade on Friday, Nov. 25 in Haliburton./DARREN LUM Staff

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Christmas tree donation a family affair

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

When Chris Chumbley was a kid, he planted a small tree in front of his parents' house that became a memorial to his grandfather, Ron Sisson.

That tree, which now stands about 16 feet tall, is the same one in the middle of Haliburton Village, lit up with lights on Friday, Nov. 25 just prior to the Santa Claus parade.

The history of the tree goes back to the mid 1990s, said Leslie Chumbley.

"Whatever year it was that big storm went through Kennisis, we lost a lot of trees here, on the river side of the house," said Leslie.

At the time, Leslie's son Chris was about 11 or 12 years old and wanted to plant a new tree.

"The one he planted was about three inches tall," she said. "We didn't think it was going to survive."

Located in West Guilford on Pine Lake Road, the tree was planted right in front of a big picture window, on the river side of the house.

It survived the first few years and became a memory tree for Leslie, whose dad Ron Sisson, passed away in 1993.

"Over the last couple of years, it really thrived," she said. "When it was really small, Christopher, he would put little fences around it so that his dad didn't cut it when he cut the grass. Then as it got bigger we could see where it was."

This spring Leslie told her son she thought it was time for the tree to find a new home, as it was starting to block the view of the river.

"It was really Christopher's idea to donate the tree to the town," she said.

Chris, who is now 34, mentioned the idea to Lyle Stamp, who arranges the tree transportation every year for the lighting, said Jim Frost.

Frost said he got a phone call from Chris about the tree donation and arranged for a visit to see it.

Leslie said she always thought it would make a glorious Christmas tree.

"When Jim came out and looked at it he said that's a beautiful Christmas tree," she said. "We decided to donate it in memory of grandparents and parents."

Frost said Stamp always helps bring the tree into town, which he described as "wonderful and gra-

cious."

The village tree tradition dates back about six or seven years now, said Frost. However he believes it was also done a few decades ago.

A number of years ago, a member of the community reached out to Frost about the idea of putting one in front of the Village Barn, he said.

The connection to Stamp was made by former Dysart fire chief Miles Maughan.

Since then the volunteer firefighters have helped erect the tree.

Frost said everything is done by volunteers and by donation.

"Everybody is just so helpful. That's the type of community it is," said Frost.

The tree lighting and carol sing event was conceived by Jerelyn Craden, he said. It is always held just prior to the Haliburton Santa Claus parade.

Although the Chumbley tree has found a new home, the memory of it will live on with the family and may soon be replaced for another special occasion.

Dave and Leslie are expecting a new grandchild soon and may plant a tree in honour of the new addition, she said.



This year's Haliburton Village Christmas tree was donated by Chris Chumbley. Planted approximately 23 years ago by Chris, the tree has been growing at the Chumbley residence in West Guilford in memory of Ron Sisson. It now stands about 16 feet high and was lit up at the annual tree lighting ceremony this past Friday. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

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The tree in the village square this year was donated by the Chumbley family. Dave, left, and Leslie were at the Haliburton tree lighting on Friday, Nov. 25 to watch the tree that was planted at their home more than 20 years ago get lit up. The tree was planted by the couple's son Chris, who wanted to donate it to the town this year. DARREN LUM Staff

Win unexpected for Highlands promoter

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"It was a great honour, it was a great evening. Lots of energy, lots of emotion," said Martin.

The tourism advocate said he felt "tingly" when his name was announced as the winner.

"I didn't really expect to win it," he said. "Compared to the other nominees, I'm the little guy."

A resident of Haliburton County for more than 40 years, Martin was nominated by Rick Whitteker for his dedication to the area and involvement with many initiatives and events.

He is involved with the Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization, the Haliburton County Folk Society, Hike Haliburton and more. He also runs an experiential tourism business called Yours Outdoors.

Martin joked that the only way to follow up the win was to retire.

His wife Patricia was in attendance to offer support and was proud of her husband's accomplishment.

On Nov. 24, OHTO issued a press release congratulating Martin on the honour, recognizing him as a true leader who is making an impact on the tourism industry.

"We are all lucky to have such a committed and enthusiastic tourism partner," said Nicole Whiting, executive director for OHTO in the release. "Congratulations from the entire team at OHTO."

Martin hopes the award will mark a boost in awareness of what his local community has to offer the world, he said in the release.



Haliburton Highlands' Barrie Martin was named the Tourism Champion of the Year at the Ontario Tourism Awards of Excellence on Nov. 22. Martin attended the awards dinner in Ottawa which was hosted by the CBC's Heather Hiscox, left. Martin was chosen by a panel of judges for his involvement in many initiatives and dedication to Haliburton County. PHOTO SUBMITTED

"This is a big win for Haliburton Highlands and Ontario's Highlands because it draws attention to the vitality and significance of our tourism offering. This is one more award for our region, with more to come."

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Compared to the other nominees I'm the little guy.

— Barrie Martin



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Hannah Klose played Carla 'with conviction' at one-act play festival

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HLT cast members Black and Stephen Thayer were also nominated for acting awards.

This was the first time Hannah had participated in the one-act festival.

"It was really, really cool," said Hannah. "I would definitely do it again."

Born and raised in Haliburton, Hannah has been on the stage since she was a child, beginning with the role of Annie.

"My first lead role was Belle in *Beauty and the Beast* in Lindsay two years ago," she said. "I love acting."

She has performed in musicals such as *HMS Pinafore* and with the Highlands Summer Festival and Highlands Little Theatre.

"I've taken singing lessons for a big portion of my life, 10 years now," she said.

"I've also taken piano for that long."

Other passions of hers include sports and creative writing, including poetry, essays and song writing.

In her final year of study at HHSS, Hannah is hoping to study law in university and keep her interest in theatre as a hobby.

She is considering doing a minor in musical theatre or joining a theatre group.



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Hannah Klose shines on the stage and was recently named the winner of the Pauline Grant Award, pictured, for an actress in a leading role at the Eastern Ontario Drama League's one-act play festival in Perth. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

Moffatt proposes changes to county council

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

When a new county council takes office in two years' time, its makeup may be slightly different than the current council.

As she chaired her final meeting of the year as county warden on Nov. 23, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt presented council with a number of options it might consider regarding the role of warden.

County council consists of the reeve and deputy-reeves of each of the four lower-tier townships of Haliburton County. Council decides who will be warden – the head of county council – from among its own membership each year and traditionally, there has been some rotation between the four lower-tier townships.

During the next two years of the current term, Moffatt requested that council consider making some changes to the role of warden, and potentially, the makeup of county council itself.

Moffatt said the political climate in the province has changed in recent years and that more and more, rural communities have to fight for their fair share of resources.

"That fair share is dwindling on a number of fronts," she said. "Are our roles the right roles, in terms of political activism? It's our job to kind of kick at the darkness and not just accept the status quo."

Since the job of county warden is, more and more, to liaise with other levels of government, Moffatt asked colleagues to consider a number of suggested changes to the position.

One was the addition of a ninth position on county council, that being a warden, who is elected by the public and who serves for a full, four-year term and whose concentration is on representing the county outside the community and dealing with other levels of government.

Another suggestion was lengthening

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I have no fear of the conversations, I think it's a healthy exercise.

— Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin

the warden's term to two years to achieve more consistency in dealing with projects and external representation, and giving council the ability to extend that two-year term.

"Eliminate pre-arranged succession and the rotation of the position among the municipalities and instead develop a job description for the role wherein the best candidate will get the job regardless of their home municipality," Moffatt wrote in a report on the subject.

She also suggested discussing changing the title of warden to "mayor."

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey was skeptical of the four-year term idea.

"If you get one of them who's a dud, you're got him for four years," Fearrey said.

Her colleagues said they were willing to have those conversations.

"I have no fear of the conversations," Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin said. "I think it's a healthy exercise."

Devolin said it would reaffirm some traditions that have been around a long time while changing others that aren't worth keeping.

Moffatt has made the decision not to host a warden's banquet this year, an invite-only, gala-style event that has traditionally taken place near the end of each warden's term. Moffatt told council the one word she hears about the warden's

banquet is "elitist," and suggested that if such an event was going to continue, it should be something that is accessible for the entire community.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen noted the conversation would require investigating options under the Municipal Act. Under the ninth member

model, for example, could one person run for a council seat in a lower tier and also the role of warden?

Moffatt made similar requests about reviewing the role of warden, as well as the title, during her first term as warden in 2013.



Century 21 kicks off giving season

From left, 4Cs directors Ron Mark and Judy MacDuff, accepted a \$500 donation from locally owned and based Century 21 Granite Realty Group Ltd's Anne Hodgson, Brandon Nimigon, Andrea Wilson, Andrew Hodgson, Karen Nimigon, Mark Denny, Susanne James, Cathy Chumbley and Lee Gauthier on Friday, Nov. 25 outside the Haliburton office. All 25 realtors contributed to this donation, which is to encourage other businesses to give to charities. The Haliburton-based realtor has donated a significant amount to more than 20 local charities, as part of an effort to give back to the community. /DARREN LUM Staff

County council slows down ambulance purchase process

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

County council is pressing pause on the purchase of a new ambulance pending more information.

During a Nov. 23 meeting, councillors denied budget pre-approval for the purchase of the vehicle.

It was the recommendation of EMS director and paramedic chief Craig Jones that the county proceed with the purchase of a new ambulance after supplier Crestline offered the municipality 2016 pricing on a 2017 vehicle if it proceeded with purchase before Nov. 30.

This would have resulted in a three per cent cost savings on the \$140,000 vehicle.

"In addition we receive our new vehicle in the spring of 2017 rather than late summer," a report from Jones reads. "This allows us to cease financial investment in the older vehicle. Council has taken advantage of these saving in previous years."

However, Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch said she was unsure

about the purchase of the machine, particularly since the model allows for the accommodation of one stretcher, instead of two.

"I have great concerns about that," Murdoch said, pointing out that unlike in urban areas, the county has a relatively small fleet of ambulances.

"It's an urban and rural thing," she said. "Before we buy the right one, what is it that we need to buy that's good for our situation?"

Jones pointed out that the county paramedic service only responds to collisions where there are multiple injured parties a few times a year.

Plus, "a paramedic can only care for one critically ill person," he said. "There is the potential and opportunity to carry two people in the ambulance . . . just not on a stretcher."

The majority of councillors, though, shared Murdoch's concerns and wanted more information before agreeing to any purchase.

"I think the value of the right decision outweighs the cost savings," said Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

A life well lived

GERALD IRISH, LOCAL educator, lifelong Highlands resident and prolific writer, died Nov. 17. Irish had been contributing a “senior’s moment” column to the *Echo* for years, which encouraged fellow seniors to examine their lives, contribute to the community and continue to look on the bright side. He was honest and open about his feelings, exploring both positive and negative sides of life.

Because Gerald was so productive, I still have a few columns he wrote in my inbox. After news of his death, I read through them, finding one titled “Lucky Me,” a beautiful piece on his love of life in the Highlands. Here it is:

I am one lucky individual. As I sit here, listening to the rains descend, the odd sound of thunder rolls, accompanied by the infrequent brilliant flash of lightning, my mind starts to stretch back over a long happy life. I will not pretend that everything so far has been sunshine and roses. How many people do you know who have reached my age (of over 80) without problems or adversity? I have started and am continuing to learn to concentrate on the positives and try valiantly to forget or ignore the negatives in life.

One of the luckiest things that happened to me was of being born in Haliburton, my beautiful village in my beautiful county. I was also fortunate to be born as a member of

the Fearrey/Irish clan.

Education has always played a key role in this lucky life and the systems of education in Haliburton were good. They prepared me for and made me want to have a career in teaching. I was also very fortunate to have a long, happy job as a teacher in various locales in the Highlands. Haliburton village. Maple Lake. Gooderham. Dorset. Minden. Every school in every area left me with warm, loving feelings.

Today, when I meet men and women who were former students, and am greeted warmly and happily, it causes my old heart to give an extra beat of thanks and love. As we visit, and recall events we shared together during a part of our educational trip through the years, I am once again filled with a warmth that is hard to explain. I also love the hugs ... from former male and female students.

Why discriminate between genuine affections?

The most absolute and complete form of good luck I have ever had was to meet, marry and continue to love my wife, Joan. We worked together. We have aged together. We have travelled together. We have lived, laughed and loved together. Marrying this lady was by far my smartest move. My love for her grows the longer we are together.

I hope all Haliburton seniors can looked back over their lives with the same happiness as I.



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Editorial



Evocative driftwood

by Darren Lum

Parade brings village together

HAPPY HOLIDAYS, Haliburton!
It's been just over a month since I started in the role of Haliburton Village BIA administrator. There have been so many people who have helped me, welcomed me and inspired me. I am thankful to all of you – and grateful that you are so committed to Haliburton Village.

The Santa Claus Parade, in partnership with the Haliburton and District Lions Club, was a fun-filled family event and great kick-off the holiday season and celebrations. The marching bands could be heard blocks away and helped everyone get into the spirit. The floats were colourful and festive and the participants riding along were happily waving to all. Santa Claus was the highlight and the look of wonder from the children was delightful. Jim Frost, parade organizer extraordinaire: you and your volunteers did an amazing job.

Thanks to Gord Kidd for leading the tree lighting sing-along before the parade and for the entertainment at the Winter Warm Up at the Legion after the parade. Thanks to Anthony VanLieshout for your generosity in lighting up the tree year after year. At the Winter Warm Up, the Legion Ladies Auxiliary outdid themselves with a delicious home-cooked pasta meal. The children had fun at the craft table thanks to the energetic volunteers from the high school. It truly was a magical night!

It is important that these events take place in our community. We need to support and enjoy family centred affordable activities. Your Haliburton Village BIA can continue to provide these events with your continued support of shopping locally.

Your money comes full circle when you spend and invest in your community. The money earned by the local businesses is donated back to sponsor these events that you and your family participate in. In a world of choice, please be thoughtful about your spending. Your BIA businesses would appreciate the opportunity to serve you.

The Women's Shopping Night is Friday, Dec. 2. Businesses within the BIA will have special sales, giveaways, and more to help the women in the family get their shopping done in one night! Let's go, ladies, and take advantage of the special deals and the

gift wrapping that will be offered for a donation to a local charity. Wouldn't it be nice to sit back and enjoy the month!?

And the second annual Men's Shopping Night is Friday, Dec. 16. Men, we have something this year to get you out of your La-Z-boy chairs (no pun intended). Please bring your friends and enjoy complimentary beer sampling in the common area hallway between V&S and Haliburton Furniture.

Business will have special promotions and the “Super Shopper” will be available with creative and thoughtful gift ideas for the women in your life. There will be gift wrapping that will make you look like a shopping professional – don't miss this opportunity to get all your shopping done on one fun-filled night!

December is a month filled with activity for the whole family. Please remember to give the gift of time to the people around you ... share a coffee, drive someone to the store, get out for a winter walk together or whatever makes you happy. Be a child!

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Never a dull moment

WELL I'M HAPPY TO SAY THAT SOMETIME within the last week or so I have reaffirmed my faith in miracles and the power of prayer.

Maybe I should explain.

You see, on the first Thursday of deer season, I tagged a fine little buck – a real good eater. And on the following Monday, I butchered it all by myself, without any adult supervision.

I'm very happy to report I did a decent job. The parts of it that weren't in our venison stew on Tuesday are now resting comfortably in the freezer, awaiting their next assignment.

Those who have spent time in the outdoors with me might tell you the miracle part is that I had a successful hunt. They would not be far off the mark either – but that's not what I'm referring to.

The miracle is I am able to use all 10 digits to type this column. Like I said, I butchered my own deer.

A lot of people are under the mistaken impression that facing a charging grizzly bear or Cape buffalo is the most dangerous thing a hunter can do. But that's only because they have never seen the aftermath of a do-it-yourself butchering job.

Even now I shudder at the thought.

For that chore is fraught with so much danger that I have a friend who buys shares in the companies that produce Band-Aids and Polysporin as soon as he learns I filled my tag.

This year, he might have lost money though.

As I said, I got off relatively unscathed. In fact, I only had one

wound that would have been considered mortal before the advent of modern medical practices. I cut my ring finger just a little.

To be clear, when I say just a little what I mean to say is this year Jenn didn't ask me if I killed a deer in the house.

Last year, was much worse. I had matching Band-Aids on all five fingers of my right hand – and two on my left – and it got even worse after I finished sharpening the knives.

And therein lies the problem.

The hunter who wishes to butcher his own deer doesn't do it to save money. He or she does it to justify all the money spent on sharp knives, sharpening apparatus, butcher paper, a grinder, sausage maker and a state-of-the-art first aid kit.

Typically, my sharpening process goes something like this: I begin with a scary sharp knife. I know it is scary sharp because I typically cut myself with it after checking it for scary sharpness.

After I have returned from Emerg, I realize that the very act of me cutting myself might have done something to deteriorate that knife's keen edge. So, I get my electric knife sharpener going and sharpen the blade with a coarse, medium and fine belt. This is followed by a few passes on the strop.

Then, after shaving the hair off of my arm to ensure the knife is sharp, I go to the drug store to buy several medical supplies so I can staunch the bleeding and some rogaïne, so I can try to grow that hair back before Jenn gets home. I also buy a detergent that gets blood stains out.

This is the standard procedure I go through for my skinning, boning, and slicing knives, before, during and after the butchering process.

But, as I said, this year was a miraculous year in that no blood transfusions were required.

I did my butchering without any lasting physical harm. I might have to deal with a little post traumatic stress disorder, however – but only because I forgot to clean the blood out of the bathroom sink before Jenn got home.

Also, the UPS lady will not be coming back any time soon.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

Santa's elf brought a candy cane and smile to Andrea Barry of West Guilford after she whispered her Christmas wishes in the old gent's ear when he visited Haliburton on Saturday. Moments later, Andrea scampered back to her mother with a special gift and images of Christmas dancing in her head. The Haliburton Rotary Club gave each child visiting Santa a candy cane and a gift. This photo was originally printed on the front page of the Echo on Dec. 20, 1978.

letters to the editor

Lions make village merry

To the Editor,

Am I proud to be a Canadian? You bet! When I looked out at all those children waving Canadian flags and yelling Merry Christmas, and Hi Lions Club knowing it would not be allowed in other countries. I am very proud to be the president of the Haliburton and District Lions Club who work tirelessly to keep Santa's float up and running and

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Lion Mary Lawr

Snow banks hinder movement

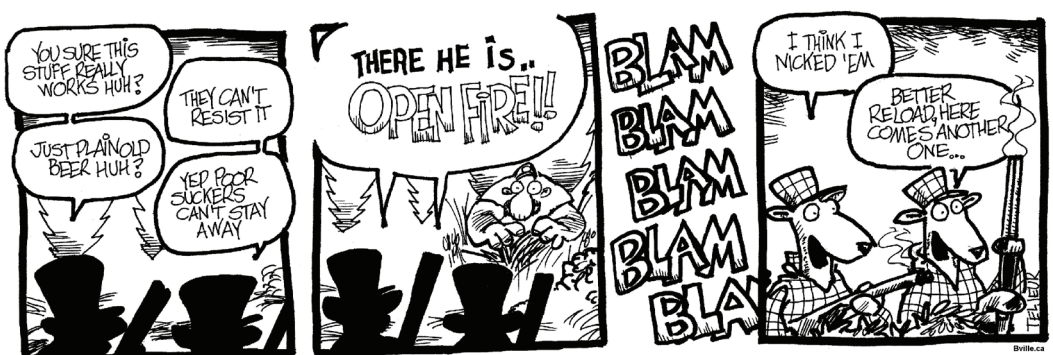
To the Editor,

It is extremely difficult for seniors in the winter in Haliburton. The stores shovel snow to the curb and then the snow plow comes along and pushes the snow to the edge of road, the two then create a deep hill of snow. There is nowhere on main street

where you do not have to try to climb over these snow banks. Could someone shovel some areas to allow us to get on sidewalk.

Patricia Wright
Haliburton

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Aging Well Committee makes plea for help

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Aging Well Committee president Angela Andrews asked the close to 40 people at the Age-Friendly Master Plan luncheon on Tuesday, Nov. 22 to join the committee.

"It's pretty critical that if we don't have more people helping out then we could possibly fold. And so it's a real challenge because we've done all of this great work and we have all these wonderful ideas and we know it's a need in our community, but unless we have the people around the table to talk about the ideas to bring them forward to council and to really take on the projects we have been discussing it won't go anywhere," she said at the event held at the Haliburton Legion.

The first draft of the Age Friendly Master Plan is scheduled for completion in December and will be presented to the age friendly working group followed by a presentation to Haliburton County council by early January.

Once it is done, it will be a guide to improving the community to enhance quality of life.

Kate Hall, the plan's consultant, who led the luncheon with a PowerPoint presentation said the approach of the master plan is to apply the "eight to 80 test" – meeting the needs of an eight-year-old addresses the needs of people 80 and older. This can be reducing tripping hazards, improving snow removal on high traffic pedestrian areas, adding benches and crosswalks to streets, and ensuring pathways are accessible to facilitate access to amenities.

Hall was hired using the \$25,000 from the province's Age Friendly Community Planning Grant Program.

The framework for this master plan was based on the World Health Organization's eight aspects of an Age-Friendly Community: the built environment; transportation; housing; social participation, respect and social inclusion, civic participation and employment, communication, and community support and health services.

The main takeaway from the data was that the top three needs in our county are transportation, housing and transitional home care.

The rural nature of Haliburton County presents a transportation challenge. Owning a vehicle, Hall said, can cost upwards of \$10,000 a year. Without it though, a person is not only just hindered from receiving health services, but



Margery Cartwright asks members of the audience to join the Aging Well Committee at the luncheon for the Age-Friendly Master Plan for Haliburton County on Tuesday, Nov. 22 at the Royal Canadian Legion of Haliburton. Cartwright has been a member since 2009 and believes change is possible to improve the quality of life in the community. /DARREN LUM Staff

can become isolated. The recent addition of senior residences and condominiums could be ideal for the foundation of co-operative vehicle use, she offered. Recently, the Haliburton Rideshare (Haliburtonrideshare.ca) was started by the Rural Transportation Options committee with representation from Communities in Action, CARP, Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition and others.

Hall said, "It's about neighbours helping neighbours." When it comes to housing, moving doesn't have to be inevitable if in-home health-care professionals were available. Hall said politicians need to advocate for such services so that more aging residents can live in their homes longer rather than feel forced to move closer to medical facilities.

Co-ordination between health service providers could alleviate challenges in getting to appointments. Hall said one idea was to enable a group of people from one area to have their medical appointments on the same day so that transportation to cities outside our county could include more than one person. Another idea is to have medical professionals go to retirement residences and see more than one person for a blood test.

Another finding was there is a demand for "hands-on" home maintenance help for not just elderly, but the physically challenged people. Service providers agree, but are not in a position to do more at this time so political advocacy is required.

The shortage of medical professionals leads to transportation and housing issues. When more professionals are available locally then the other issues are less of a concern.

Committee member Margery Cartwright, a member since 2009, reminded the audience the power they wield as a group to influence and effect change.

"I would really like you to think about helping us push the county along and push Dysart along because otherwise nothing is going to happen," she said.

The committee has made positive change even if it is not immediately noticed. An example, she said, is the addition of chairs with arms added to hospital waiting rooms and public places. For a person with arthritis, she said, this helps her get out of the chairs.

A key component to the master plan initiative is in the execution.

An action plan will include service providers in community support and health services to ensure it is in people's work plans in January.

"That this isn't a plan that the ideas come forward and then the plan gets [stuck] on the shelf, but we get the people around the table that can actually make those decisions and can actually put it in somebody's work plan and can actually figure out how to make it happen so change actually happens," she said.

The Aging Well Committee will pursue advocacy work related to the needs raised in the research, which includes sidewalks, bicycle facilities, benches, hearing services and working libraries, offering portable devices.

In March, the project will wrap up and then the final report will be sent to the province in May.

For more information about the master plan call the health unit at 457-1391 ext. 3229.

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Try-It Fair to open door to discovery

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Learn about the full breadth of what is happening in Haliburton County with the Try-It Fair event on Friday, Dec. 9 at the local high school.

Organized by the Haliburton County Public Library, the trade show style event is going to be at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School gym from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and promises an opportunity to not just learn by seeing, but get hands-on and learn by doing.

It will include artists, inventors, experts, business people and organizations, who will inspire and share skills and knowledge through demonstrations and interactive opportunities.

Event co-ordinator and Minden library branch assistant Nancy Therrien said this event will open eyes about what is out there in the county.

"A lot of people don't realize the different skills and talents that we have in the community," she said.

Among them is an amino lab, which is based in Wilberforce. They will be doing "bacterial painting"—using bacteria for art. Other examples include an opportu-

nity to try fly-tying, drumming, pottery, felting, stained glass, leather work, audio recording and even learn about the Japanese healing technique, Reiki. So far there are 20 confirmed exhibitors with 10 more likely to be confirmed.

The event will be exclusive to students and teachers from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. when it opens to the public. Admission is free.

The idea for the event came from the recent growth in popularity of "maker-space events."

"These are huge, huge trade shows where people come to see different demonstrations of all sorts of random things," she said.

Therrien said this event is a natural fit for the library because it is capable of bringing organizations and businesses together. For the past three months she has worked on bringing this new and unique event.

She said potential exhibitors were contacted by cold calling or reached through promotion help by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce and the Arts Council.

The biggest barrier, she adds, was educating people on what the event was about.

"Once they know what it is then they

really are excited," she said. "For the businesses and the organizations it's a different way to market themselves because they are not directly selling anything at this event as people get to try things out."

Therrien hopes this event will continue annually with different businesses and organizations each year to keep it fresh and insightful. This will depend on the attendance and the feedback given through short answer survey on the passport given to every event goer. With close to 200 students and teachers in the first hours of the event, she hopes the total attendance equals close to 400 people for it to be considered a success. Every exhibitor station will be listed on the passport. Passports can be entered in a draw.

The event received a \$3,500 HCDC sponsorship from its Local Initiatives Program, which funds locally started new and unique events, and partner organizations HHSS, Canoe FM, Contact North, Fleming CREW, Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, Haliburton County Public Library, Haliburton Highlands Museum, Haliburton School of Art and Design and Sticks and Stones Productions.

Moving from Ottawa a few years ago, Therrien says she learned a lot about the

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A lot of people don't realize the different skills and talents that we have in the community.

— Nancy Therrien

county through organizing this event and hopes others can do the same just by taking a few hours to attend it.

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Residents still asking questions about biochar facility

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

An information session held by staff of Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve helped answer more questions about the proposed biochar facility for Kennaway Road.

Held on Nov. 23 at the Haliburton Legion, approximately 40 people came out to hear more information about the facility and how it may impact them.

Facilitated by Jim Blake, questions ranged from noise concerns, traffic issues, pollution and more.

The facility is being proposed for 1088 Kennaway Rd., which is already owned by Haliburton Forest, in anticipation of building this facility.

A public meeting for the rezoning of the property was held on Nov. 7, with about 50 people in attendance.

The property is currently zoned general industrial, extractive industrial, environmental protection and rural type 1. The applicants are requesting a zoning change to remove the extractive industrial and rural type 1.

The applicants plan to build a biochar facility, which takes raw, untreated sawdust and converts it into charcoal through a process called pyrolysis.

The proposal is not dependent on the zoning change, as the applicants explained that it could go ahead with the current zoning on the property.

Changing the zoning will impact things such as where the building is located and future uses of the 20-acre property.

The project has been in development for a number of years, said Haliburton Forest general manager Malcolm Cockwell.

Some residents expressed concern about how far emissions from the facility would travel past the 20-acre property line.

Others asked if there would be an

odour from the emissions.

According to the Forest, the emissions are clean, clear and odourless.

Project manager Nina Shock said the proposal is undergoing extensive regulations from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change.

The proposed building will measure about 13,000 square feet and the Forest is working with a research partner facility in Iowa.

The decision to build the facility was made in 2015, according to information handed out at the meeting.

The initial number of kilns operating at the site will be one, with a maximum capacity of four. The hope is to create three full-time jobs in 2017, the proposed opening of the facility. A potential of 20 or more jobs could be created in the future.

The file will return at the Dec. 5 public meeting, which is held in Dysart et al council chambers at 5 p.m.

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Training incentives foster business health

JENN WATT

Editor

Repairing large camera supports – tripods, pan and tilt heads for movie cameras – requires specialized skills not typically found in the job pool of Haliburton County. But business owner Ian Johnson has been successfully hiring local applicants for years with the assistance of several incentives offered through provincial and federal government programs.

IJES Camera Support Systems takes in shipments of all kinds of broken equipment, deciphering the ailment and applying the fix necessary. Finding employees who know these skills is difficult, but using grants through Fleming CREW, the process has been made easier.

“Initially, I needed to find staff and that seemed like the obvious place,” says Johnson, sitting at a small table in his shop as one of his recent hires, Markus Tuomi, works at a workbench behind him. “While I was dealing with them, they suggested they had various incentives that could help out with training and so forth.”

He was able to access training incentives for employees, tool allowances and the Canada Ontario Jobs Grant for specific training in computer programs for staff.

“I got a fairly healthy training grant for Markus. There’s a long learning curve with this equipment,” he says.

Tuomi, who lives in Irondale, has been working at IJES for the last three months and is currently a trainee technician. “I wasn’t expecting something like this



Trainee technician Markus Tuomi, left, stands at his new workbench with employer Ian Johnson of IJES Camera Support Systems at their Haliburton-based shop. Johnson was able to get grant funding with the help of Fleming CREW to train Tuomi in the specialized skill of repairing tripods and other equipment that supports large cameras. JENN WATT Staff

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here,” says Tuomi of the nature of the job.

Employment and training consultant Shanthi Bascombe says her office has plenty of grant funding available for local employers who need help with training employees.

“Through Employment Services, which is funded by Employment Ontario, there are a couple of programs that are targeted to employers,” she says. Training incentives are available for those looking to hire an individual who may have the potential to do well, but isn’t quite up to speed.

“How much money they [the employer] get is dependent on the person they are hiring, so it’s about that person and what their background is and how much of a skill gap there is between what that person has and what the employer needs in the job,” she says.

Training incentives help offset costs such as productivity loss and training materials.

Bascombe is also enthusiastic about the Canada Ontario Job Grant that gives employers access to training dollars for new and existing employees.

The employer chooses who to train and what to train the employee in. Up to \$10,000 per employee is available through the program to fund two-thirds of the training. For employers with fewer than 50 employees, the grant allows that half of their portion of the fee can be the wages they paid the employees during training.

“Really, the employer is only paying one-sixth,” Bascombe says.

“We want to get the word out. We want to spread it around the county,” she says.

This grant money allows employers to think creatively about how to improve their workforce and assist their workers in advancing their skills.

Other funding programs include Youth Job Link, which gives \$300 to employers who hire a high school age student who has never worked before; Skills Link, a

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We will walk you through every piece of the process every step of the way starting with the application.

— Shanthi Bascombe

program that offers in-class work followed by a 12-week work placement in the community with 80 per cent of the worker’s wages funded; and the Targeted Initiative for Older Workers, which provides training incentives to help older people integrate into the workforce.

If it all sounds complicated, Bascombe says it can be made simple.

“It’s hard to remember all the programs and all the pieces, but that’s what we’re here to do,” she says. “We will walk you through every piece of the process every step of the way starting with the application.”

Johnson says Fleming CREW was “a great help” to him.

“Financially, of course, it would have been harder [without the grants] because more money would have come out of my pocket and it’s been great. Obviously, when the new person starts, they need a lot of training [and] that’s expensive. Not only does it slow me down, but production gets slowed down in general” he says.

Fleming CREW also offers a job posting service both in the office and online and provides interview and resume screening space. For more information about what they provide, go to flemingcrew.ca or call 705-457-2020.



**Christmas Shindig
does it again**

All of the performers came out for a finale at the sold-out Highlands Christmas Shindig on Saturday, Nov. 26 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. Produced by Mike Jaycock and Lorraine McNeil, the variety show included 34 performers, 33 sponsors, 26 contributors/prize donors, 27 volunteers and five media sponsors. It helped to raise an event record \$22,274 for Fuel for Warmth, with more potentially still to come. In two years the event has raised \$41,000 for Fuel for Warmth. /DARREN LUM Staff



Dame Beatrice and Santa presented the \$21,770 cheque to Fuel for Warmth's Marilynne Lesperance and Joanne Barnes at the Highlands Christmas Shindig. After the cheque presentation, more money came in, bringing the total to \$22,274.

Ed Poropat, on accordion, Sue Shikaze and Thom Lambert of Trio Cappuccino finish their set at the Highlands Christmas Shindig.



Dame Beatrice, who bears a striking resemblance to Mike Jaycock, addresses the audience at the start of the Highlands Christmas Shindig. Performers on Saturday included Haliburton Dance Academy, Trio Cappuccino, Highlands Little Theatre, Fifth Business, Brian and Beth Kipping, Bethany Houghton and Luba Cargill, Steve Galea, Jeff Moulton and Ragged Company.

Winner of the most colourful ugly sweater Sarah Adams of Minden and winner of the most creative ugly sweater Melissa MacDonald warm up for the five kilometre route around Head Lake during the fourth annual Ugly Sweater Run/Walk in Haliburton. Five-year-old William Curry of Beamsville won the best kids sweater. Winners received Subway gift certificates. The fundraising event raised \$233 for the Dysart recreation programming and drew close to 30 participants. Into the Blue Bakery contributed to the event by donating partial proceeds from their day's sales. /DARREN LUM Staff



Ugly sweaters come out of the closet

Runners approach the County Rd. 21 cross from the trail during the five kilometre route around Head Lake at the Ugly Sweater Run in Haliburton.

Dysart 150th celebrations get boost from federal government

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The planning committee behind Dysart's sesquicentennial celebrations are rejoicing after finding out they were the successful recipients of a \$10,000 grant from the government of Canada.

The committee made the funding announcement on Nov. 24, a few weeks after hearing they received the full amount they requested.

The funds will be used for the summer celebrations for July 2017, which will celebrate both Canada's and Dysart's 150th.

"We're quite excited, because that enables us to do what we have planned," said Andrea Mueller, Dysart recreation coordinator and committee member.

The federal funds will be used in conjunction with money from the municipality of Dysart.

"The Canada 150 is really about celebrating Canada's 150th [birthday]," said Andrea Roberts, deputy-reeve and committee member. "We're doing both, in our explanation of why we were asking for the grant ... we did a real sale about how ... [Dysart] is celebrating in the same year as Canada."

The summer celebrations will be held on July 7, 8 and 9, said Roberts. One of the main events will be a concert.

The committee has also made an application for funding from the provincial government. The hope is to not have to heavily rely on the municipality and local businesses for funding.

Organizers are adamant the activities and events being offered are free and accessible for all.

"We want to keep it free and open to families," said Roberts. "We are absolutely thrilled."



Members of the Dysart 150th planning committee are all smiles on Nov. 24 as they announce they were the successful recipients of a \$10,000 grant from the government of Canada. The funds will go towards planning a big summer event in July 2017 to mark the country's and township's sesquicentennial. The committee is kicking off the year-long celebration with a winter event on Jan. 7 that will include skating, a fire and light show and trivia. From left, Amanda Virtanen, Andrea Mueller, Andrea Roberts, Kate Butler, Kim Emmerson and Susan Norcross. Missing from photo are Kait Perecko and Gail Stelter. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

The committee is getting things started next year with a special winter event planned for Saturday, Jan. 7.

The afternoon/evening event will include public skating, a fire and light show, trivia, outdoor games and much more. It will be held both inside and out-

side the A.J. LaRue arena.

There will also be a special screening of a film highlighting Dysart's history.

Everything except food and refreshments will be free at the event. It will take place from 4 to 8 p.m.

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The Dysart 150 committee includes Roberts, Mueller, Kate Butler, Kait Perecko, Amanda Virtanen, Kim Emmerson, Susan Norcross and Gail Stelter.



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Rate of opioid use second highest in province: study

JENN WATT

Editor

Haliburton County has the second highest rate of opioid use among those accessing the Ontario drug benefit program out of 49 regions, according to a study by the Ontario Drug Policy Research Network.

In 2015, the county had 1,810 opioid users, the report shows, with 81 opioid maintenance therapy users. Hospital admissions in 2014 related to opioids had the county ranked 13th in the province with less than five admissions and ranked 12th in emergency department visits with seven.

The county was near the bottom of the ranking when it came to opioid-related deaths in 2013 with none.

However, numbers can be deceiving, says scientist Tara Gomes of St. Michael's Hospital, particularly when it comes to areas with small populations.

"One of the issues we run into in the smaller regions is that there can be no deaths in a given year or a very small number," she told the *Echo*. "That can make it appear ... as though your rank would be very low because there were no deaths in 2013."

However, when the county is examined over five years, its rank leaps to third in the province for deaths. Again, Gomes notes the population size when interpreting the numbers.

"There were only six deaths, but because of the small population size, the rate at which those deaths occurred is higher," she says.

However, six deaths is still quite high, which the researcher says "highlights the fact that those high prescribing rates might also be leading to this increased risk of overdosing and dying."

Opioid prescribing is a national problem. The powerful painkillers are incredibly effective, but can also easily be abused and are addictive. Public health officials have been warning of the dangers of the medication. In particular, those patients who are prescribed a high dose of the medication have a real risk of overdosing, because the body acclimatizes to the drug, which can lead to increasing doses over time.

"Studies conducted in Ontario and elsewhere have demonstrated that rates of opioid prescribing in general – and high dose opioid prescribing in particular – are on the rise," the study reads. "Furthermore, the rising prevalence of abuse, misuse and addiction related to opioids has driven concerns regarding accidental opioid overdoses that may lead to hospitalizations for toxicity and sometimes death."

Looking at the statistics for Haliburton County in particular, Gomes sees a hopeful trend in the number of people seeking addiction services, which is accounted for in the opioid maintenance therapy.

"I think that's a positive sign because we know that there are people who have become addicted to these drugs across the province and there have been concerns around the ability to access addiction services, so rises in the use of opioid maintenance therapy are a positive sign," she said.

Opioids in the county are overwhelmingly "immediate release combination agents" – acute pain drugs such as Tylenol 3s. These are typically a short-term drug, she says, and aren't typically associated with overdoses.

"Instead, it's the longer acting drugs that are more concerning [for overdose]," she says.

The purpose of the study was to show the degree of variation across the province in opioid usage and is geared to health professionals and agencies.

Gomes said people in Haliburton should note from her research that there is a high rate of opioid prescribing that could indicate some work needs to be done.

"I think for Haliburton County we know there aren't a huge number of people who are dying of opioid overdose ... which I think is reassuring, but at the same time the fact that opioids are being prescribed at such a high level – and that we do see a fairly high rate of emergency department visits for opioid overdoses as well – should perhaps point to some underlying issue in the community that there may be some overprescribing. There may be some addiction issues that might need more resources in the community to properly address," she says.



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Top left, a small lineup developed at the opening of Art Heaven on Friday, Nov. 25 at the Rails End Gallery. This event is a benefit show for the gallery and includes the sale of 317 donated pieces of art from the public, exceeding last year's collection of 200. Art is priced from \$2 to \$200 and is on until Dec. 23. It is open Wednesday to Sunday. Top right, Rails End Gallery curator and director Laurie Jones strums her ukulele at the opening of the second annual Art Heaven event.



There was a steady crowd (assisted by the "art angels," wearing halos) at the opening of the second annual Art Heaven event on Friday, Nov. 25 in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff



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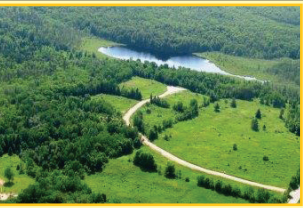


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Minor hockey

Atoms battle it out over weekend

The Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atoms travelled to Campbellford to play in a one-day tournament. The first game for the Storm was against the Ennismore Eagles. The first period was slow for both teams but with two minutes left the Eagles scored making the game 1-0 going into the second. Storm fought hard in the second with Cooper Coles and Austin Boylan scoring. However, the Eagles came back and scored two goals at the end of the period making it a 3-2 hockey game. Storm wasn't giving up. Austin Boylan scored early in the third tying the game. Both teams were fighting for the victory. With five minutes to go, Avery Degeer scored and the Eagles scored after, then Addison Carr scored at 3:40 and Cooper Coles scored at 3:07 sealing the Storm victory of 6-4.

The second game was versus the home team, the Campbellford Colts. The Storm came out on fire but couldn't get it past the Colts goalie. The Colts ended up scoring the only goal in the first. The second period the Colts dominated the puck. The Colts scored one early making it 2-0. Austin Boylan scored a beauty goal at 5:41 but the Colts came back and scored two more goals leaving the game 4-1 going into the third. Storm fought hard but came up short and lost the game 4-1.

With one win and one loss the Storm moved on to the A finals versus the home team, the Campbellford Colts. The early loss wasn't going to discourage the Storm. In the start of the first, the Colts got two goals but Aiden Perrott came in and scored two goals to tie it going into the second. The second started with a goal by Austin Boylan, then two minutes later the Colts scored and a minute after that Boylan scored his second of the game. But Boylan wasn't done. With 3:22 left he scored his hat trick goal and it was 5-4 going into the third.

The third was a battle but with 20 seconds left and an empty net Boylan scored his fourth goal and the Storm won the A finals 6-4.

Way to go, Storm!

On Sunday, Nov. 27, The Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atoms travelled to Parry Sound for a double header against the Parry Sound Shamrocks. Game one the Shamrocks scored the first goal and Austin Boylan answered tying the game going into the second 1-1. Early in the second Boylan scored his second goal and it was 2-1 Storm going into the third. The third started with two goals by the Shamrocks. Boylan scored his hat trick at 12:08. But Shamrocks weren't done, they scored an additional three goals, making the final score 6-3. It was a tough loss for the Storm however Taylor Consack saved 31 of the 37 shots on net. Great job, Consack.

Game two started with the Shamrocks scoring two goals. Aiden Perrott scored one for the Storm, however, the Shamrocks scored right after making it 3-1 going into the second. The Storm fought in the second but the Shamrocks scored two more goals making it 5-1 going into the third. In the third it was a battle however with two minutes left the Shamrocks scored and the final score was 6-1. Another tough loss for the Storm.

On Dec. 3 The Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atoms travel to Little Britain to face the Mariposa Lightning at 2:30 p.m.

Submitted by Amber Card

Peewee girls dominate Otonabee

The Leveque Brothers/Rock Breakers peewee girls played two away games this past weekend. On Saturday they were in Otonabee to take on the Wolverines. The girls dominated the three periods beating Otonabee 5-0. Goals scored by Trista Young, Chole Billings, Mackenzie Hudder, Ava Smith and Emma Tidey. Assists go to Emily Alexander, Tidey, Smith and Olivia Villamere.

On Sunday they travelled to Cobourg to play on the big ice against the West Northumberland Wild. The game was fast paced with some great display of speed from both sides. The Jets girls downed the Wild 5-1 to finish the four point weekend. Goals were scored by Villamere, Tidey, Megan Jenkins, Hailey Hudder and Billings. Assists go to Jenkins (2), Billings (2), Tidey (2), Peyton Armstrong and Alexander. The peewee girls will travel to Peterborough this coming weekend to participate in the Peterborough Ice Kats tournament.

Submitted by Melissa Armstrong

Close game for novices versus Thunder

On Sunday, Nov. 27, the Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm novice team travelled to Fenelon Falls to take on the Sturgeon Thunder. The Storm opened the scoring first but the Thunder responded with a goal of their own. It was a tight game with no room for errors. The Storm capitalized on another opportunity in the second period, putting them up by one. But it wasn't long until the Thunder found the net again. With the game tied and minutes left in the third period, Sturgeon scored on their power play resulting in a 3-2 loss for the Storm. Goals were scored by Brechin Johnston and Jace Mills. Excellent defensive play by Evan Jones, Caleb Manning and Parker Simms. The Storm are in Cobourg next weekend in the Novice Silver Stick Tournament. Good luck, team.

Submitted by Janice Scheffee

Midget B girls shut out competition

The Bancroft I.D.A./Red Eagle Family Campground midget B girls travelled to Kitchener to compete in the Fall Fest Tournament this past weekend. Looking to play teams away from their own LLFHL, the Jets opened the tourney on Friday afternoon against the Oakville Hornets in their Pool B round robin play. The game was fast paced with both teams exchanging chances at both ends of the rink. Neither team could solve the net-minder at the other end of the ice and skated to a hard fought 0-0 draw.

On Friday night, the Jets faced off against the Walkerton Capitals in their second game of the day. Walkerton's first game of the tourney. After a scoreless first period, Kennal Marsden gave the Jets a 1-0 lead midway through the second period with wrist that beat the Capital tender low blocker, finishing off a rush down the boards. Walkerton continued to challenge the Jets trying to find the equalizer but Katie Hoover stopped all Capital snipers. Katie Funk added a late a third period goal, cleaning up a rebound to give Bancroft a 2-0 win.

In game three of four in their pool, the Jets needed a win to try and solidify their advancement out of

Pool B. Looking to advance to Sunday and the semi-finals, Bancroft took on the Chatham Outlaws Saturday morning. Both teams pressured the other squad trying to secure a lead in the likely do-or-die, play-off advancing game. After two scoreless periods, Danielle Sunstrum broke the deadlock midway through the third period, slipping a five-hole shot into the net as the Jets' power play came to end. The Outlaws pulled their tender, looking to tie the game in this play-off determining game for Sunday. Sara Switzer picked up a loose puck in the Bancroft end, chipped the puck past the pinching D, and then secured the win with an empty netter as she out-skated the Chatham defenders to make the final score 2-0. Great gritty efforts, Jets! Your hard work in your first three games – two wins and a tie – guaranteed you first place in Pool B – and a semi-final match-up for Sunday against the team yet to be determined from Pool C.

In the last game of their pool play and their fourth game in 2 days, the Jets played the Ennismore Eagles. Having already clinched a birth in the Sunday semi-finals, the Jets struggled to find their upper gear against the Eagles in their Saturday night match-up. After two scoreless periods, Jaime Little scored the only goal of the game, finishing off a neutral zone rush with a sweet snap shot from the slot that beat the Ennismore tender low blocker side. The Jets went undefeated in their pool play with a record of three wins and a tie – with zero goals against – and the only team to do so in the entire midget B division! Great team effort Jets, outstanding D support and wicked net-minding by Katie Hoover.

On Sunday morning, the Jets met the undefeated (also with a three wins and a tie record) Huron Heat (first in the LLFHL West loop) in their semi-final must win tilt. Both teams exchanged chances trying to secure a lead and gain momentum in the championship play-off match up. Neither team could capitalize on their scoring opportunities – and skated to a 0-0 tie in regulation play. The first tie breaker was a 10 minute three-on-three sudden death overtime. The Jets missed chances early in the overtime as they pressured Huron with a few good quality shots. Soon after, the Heat caused a turnover deep in the Bancroft end and fired a desperation shot on the net that ricocheted and somehow found its way into the net? The Huron Heat advanced to the Championship game with the 1-0 sudden death overtime win.

Great tourney, Jets! Five quality games of gritty "team-focused" play with zero goals against in regulation time! Use these efforts to fuel the tank for our second half of the season. The Jets play the Lindsay Lynx Monday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in Bancroft.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Midget A's challenged by Coyotes

The Storm midget A team lost against the Elmvale Coyotes Friday in Elmvale, the score ended at 6-3. It was a slow start for both teams in the first period. The Storm took advantage of a power play late in the period with some good passes. Chris Thompson closed in and took a hard shot and got the first goal. A turnover by the Storm defence allowed the Coyotes to tie it up early in the second. Next, Chris Thompson rushed up the boards and pulled the defence. His perfectly

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Dustyn McCready-DeBruin stays with his shot while curling on Thursday, Nov. 24 at the Haliburton Curling Club. The Grade 10 student, who was part of the Red Hawks boys' curling team last year, was part of a group that included under-15 and Timbits curlers playing that evening. The club has elementary school aged curlers on Tuesdays. /DARREN LUM Staff



Timbits aged curlers work on their throwing and sweeping techniques on Thursday, Nov. 24 at the Haliburton Curling Club. They were part of a group that included under-15 curlers playing that evening, which is part of the club's effort to help and encourage the love of the game. The club has elementary school aged curlers on Tuesdays. /DARREN LUM Staff

Basketball schedule released

Kawartha West Boys Basketball schedule for juniors and seniors

Tuesday, Dec. 6, HHSS at LCVI jr/sr
Thursday, Dec. 8, Brock at HHSS jr
Tuesday, Dec. 13, IEW at HHSS jr/sr
Thursday, Dec. 15, HHSS at STA sr/jr
Monday, Dec. 19, FFSS at HHSS jr/sr
Wednesday, Dec. 21, interlock games
Tuesday, Jan. 10, LCVI at HHSS sr/jr

Thursday, Jan. 12, HHSS at Brock sr/jr
Tuesday, Jan. 17, HHSS at IEW sr/jr
Thursday, Jan. 19, interlock games
Tuesday, Feb. 7, HHSS at FFSS sr/jr
Thursday, Feb. 9, STA at HHSS jr/sr

Kawartha Playoffs, Feb. 13, Feb. 15 and Feb. 17
Interlock, Hawks play Peterborough schools.
Tip offs are 3 p.m. and 4:15 p.m.
Schedule is subject to change. Follow @DarrenLum1 on Twitter for updates.

Heritage Recipes

The Echo is looking for Haliburton Heritage Recipes to share with the community in a special feature. We are looking for tried-and-true recipes handed down through generations of Highlands residents that can connect us to our past while filling our kitchens with delicious goodies.

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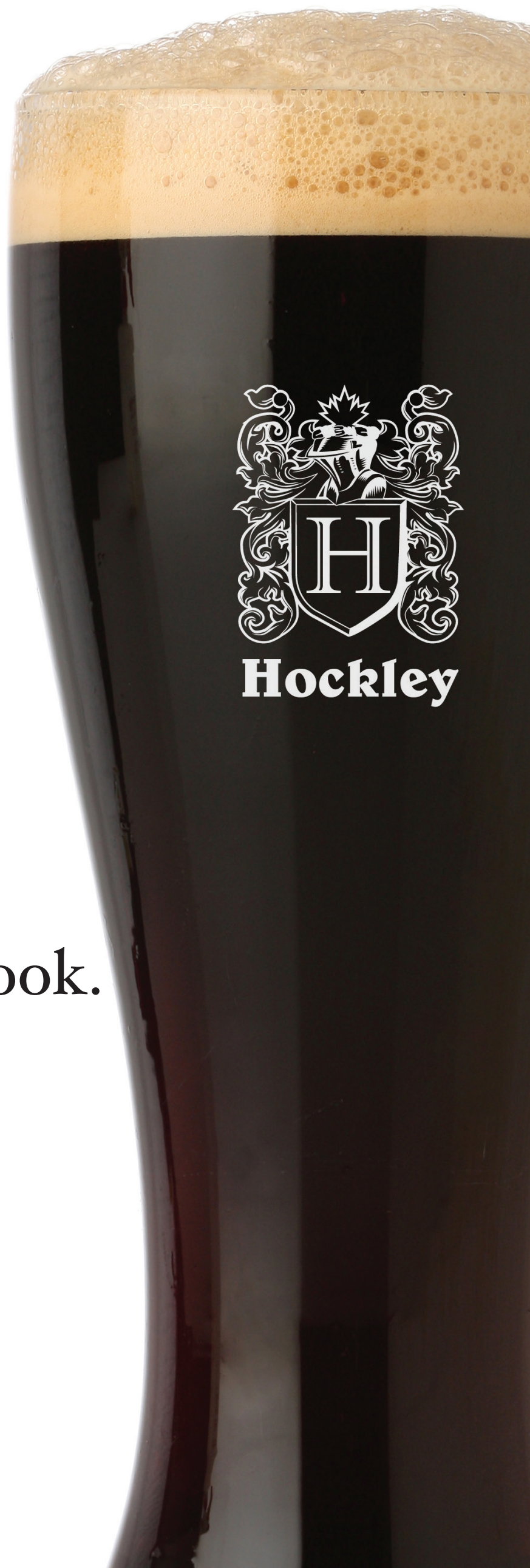
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County upgrades to digital radios for roads department

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County will spend just over \$100,000 upgrading the radio system for its roads department to a digital format after a decision by county council on Nov. 23.

Among the reasons roads director Craig Douglas gave for the transition were that digital information provides: fact-based evidence for legal claims; real-time vehicle tracking and downloading of digital data; secure channels with fewer dead zones and better clarity; and eliminates monthly fees associated with each vehicle.

"The radios being recommended are capable of both digital and analog operation so they can be programmed to communicate in analog mode to the existing area systems and operate in digital mode on the new system," a report from Doug-

las read. "It is just a matter of changing the channels on the radios to allow for communication to the other municipalities."

While Minden Hills township is also considering a transition to digital radios – "I'm reasonably confident that Minden Hills will be moving ahead with putting this system in all our mobile stuff," Reeve Brent Devolin said during the meeting – other townships are not at that point.

"We aren't going to digital radios yet," said Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge.

The contract, which will go to Turris Communications Ltd., is for the purchase of the radios and also the installation of the tower hardware.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey was reluctant, questioning why the county would make a \$100,000 purchase without testing the equipment first.

"I wouldn't spend \$100,000 if I didn't try something out on the ground first," Fearrey said.

"To test it out, we'd have to go to another jurisdiction where the infrastructure is," Devolin said.

Ultimately, the purchase was approved, with Fearrey and Partridge opposed.

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton recused himself from the conversation on

potential pecuniary interest, since he has a company that supplies GPS units.

The project costs will total \$101,500. \$80,000 was budgeted for the project and the remainder will come from equipment reserves.

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Remembrance Day literary and poster contest results

ANTHONY CROFTS

Youth Education Officer

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 Haliburton would like to thank the 88 students who participated in this year's Remembrance Day literary and poster contests.

I would like to thank the teachers, school administration staff and parents who encouraged their students to make the effort. Your interest and continued support is much needed and very much appreciated.

This year we had entries from three schools, Stuart Baker ES, J.D. Hodgson ES and Haliburton Highlands SS.

Without our panel of judges there would be no competition, therefore we wish to thank all our judges for a job well done.

All first place winners now move on the compete with other entries at the zone level. Images of the first place winning entries have also been posted to www.haliburtonlegion.com/youth.

Contest winners are as follows:

Poem Contest

Senior (grades 10, 11, 12) - First, Hannah Klose, Second, Kayla Bird

Intermediate (grades 7, 8, 9) - First, Sophie Lafferty, Second, Jessica Byers, Third, Jorja Hie

Junior (grades 4, 5, 6) - First, Sophie Longo

Essay Contest

Senior (grades 10, 11, 12) - First, Liam McAlister

Intermediate (grades 7, 8, 9) - First, Alyssa Morissette

Junior (grades 4, 5, 6) - First, Campbell Smith, Second, Teagan Hamilton

Colour Poster Contest

Senior (grades 10, 11, 12) - First, Vivian Collings

Intermediate (grades 7, 8, 9) - First, Jessica Byers, Second, Sophie Lafferty, Third, Jocelyn Chumbley

Junior (grades 4, 5, 6) - First, Isabel Hill, Second, Abi Lewis, Third, Campbell Smith

Primary (grades 1, 2, 3) - First, Evan Jones, Second, Rosie Lafleur, Third, Olivia Irvine

Black and White Poster Contest

Intermediate (grades 7, 8, 9) - First, Ania Smolen, Second, Jessica Byers, Third, Kylie Brohm

Junior (grades 4, 5, 6) - First, Campbell Smith, Second, Sophie Longo, Third, Paige Hough

Primary (grades 1, 2, 3) - First, Evan Backus, Second, Sophia Burke, Third, Brian Robichaud

Zone Competition

The winners of each category are sent to zone level by Nov. 30. You will be advised of further results as they become available.

Prizes

All prizes will be awarded at the annual Awards Night in April 2017 at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 Haliburton.



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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

- DATE:** Monday January 9th, 2017
- TIME:** 5:00 pm
- LOCATION:** Council Chambers in the Municipal Office
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario

APPLICATIONS:

- Lands of 856761 Ontario Limited
 - Purpose and Effect: The subject lands are being added to a neighbouring lot. The proposed by-law will change the zone on these lands so that it is consistent with the benefiting lands and to recognize the steep slopes on the property.
 - Zone change from "WR3L" to "WR6L".
 - This application is a condition of File H-072/15
 - Location: Part Lot 19, Concessions 7 and 8, Lot 6, Plan 19M-9 in the geographic Township of Harburn (Alpine Ridge Drive, Haliburton Lake).
- Lands of Walker:
 - Purpose and Effect: The proposed by-law will change the zone on the subject lands to permit highway commercial use of the property, specifically a gas bar and convenience store.
 - Zone change from "RS" to "CH-xx".
 - Location: Part Lot 11, Concession 8, in the geographic Township of Dysart (1012 Nimigon at County Road 21).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION about these applications, including a copy of the draft by-law, is available by contacting the Planning Department during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) at the contact information listed below.

PRESERVING YOUR RIGHT OF APPEAL: For information about preserving your appeal rights, please contact the Planning Department during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) at the contact information listed below.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 29th day of November, 2016.

Patricia Martin, B.E.S. MCIP, RPP
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timed pass found the waiting stick of Carter O'Neill and he deflected in the second Storm goal. The Coyotes began their attack and got four consecutive goals, making it a 5-2 game by the end of the third period. The Storm picked up some momentum and got a lucky break with a bouncing puck. Devyn Prentice capitalized on that goal. Soon after, the Coyotes lashed out with another goal and that ended the game 6-3.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

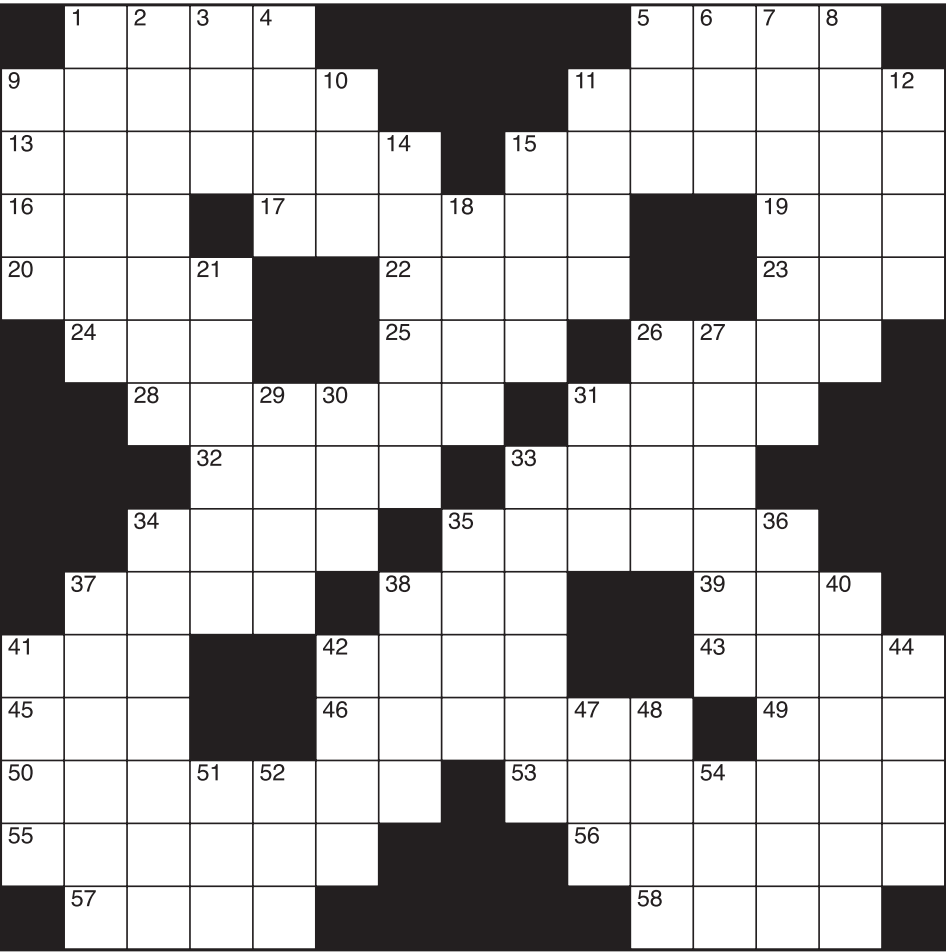
Peewees play hard during weekend games

On Monday, Nov. 21, the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre peewees travelled to Fenelon Falls to play the Sturgeon Lake Thunder. Both teams battled back and forth but it was the Thunder that scored first on the power play to put them ahead 1-0 going into the second period. The second period the Thunder scored two more to put them up 3-0 going into the third. The Storm came back in the third putting pressure on the Thunder and putting one in with a goal by Hunter Winder assisted by Dylan Keefer. On the power play the Storm netted another with a goal by Nick Phippen assisted by Keefer and Winder. The Storm tried everything

they could but fell to the Thunder 3-2. On Saturday, Nov. 26, the Kawartha Coyotes came to Minden to play the Storm. The Storm opened the scoring early in the first with a goal by Phippen assisted by Keefer. The Storm kept the pressure on the Coyotes and scored two more by Kyan Hall both goals assisted by Keefer. Less than a minute later Gage Hutchinson scored one unassisted and less than a minute after that a goal by Keefer unassisted. With the Storm up 5-0 going into the second. The Storm started the second period with Hall netting his third of the game assisted by Keefer and Zander Upton. The Storm let off the gas a little and the Coyotes managed to put three of their own in putting the score at 6-3 going into the third. The Storm took back control of the game in the third period with a goal by Colin Glecoff unassisted, two more by Keefer one unassisted and the other assisted by Glecoff. With time winding down

Winder putting one in assisted by Phippen putting the final score 10-3. On Sunday, the peewees headed to Gravenhurst to play the South Muskoka Bears. Both teams battled back and forth through the first period with no score going into the second. The Bears scored in the second to put them on the board 1-0 going into the third. The Storm weren't going down without a fight with Winder putting it in unassisted to tie it up. The Bears fought back though to put one in to go ahead again 2-1. The Storm, determined to tie it back up, put another one in on a goal by Keefer unassisted. Both teams fought until the bitter end with the final score resulting in a 2-2 tie. Strong goaltending all weekend from Darian Maddock. Next game is in Sunderland on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 5 p.m. vs the Brock Wild.

Submitted by Ron Hall



- CLUES ACROSS
- 1. Head coverings
 - 5. Most eaten avocado
 - 9. Harry: the boy who lived
 - 11. Traveled on water
 - 13. Revolves
 - 15. Spanish saloon
 - 16. Popular nail lacquer
 - 17. Conditions of balance
 - 19. Pharaohs' cobra
 - 20. Being dried & withered
 - 22. Seamen
 - 23. Distress signal
 - 24. 1st state (abbr.)
 - 25. Female sheep
 - 26. Dutch colonist
 - 28. Dress belts
 - 31. Autos
 - 32. Paper-thin tin plate
 - 33. Husk of wheat
 - 34. Airplanes
 - 35. Campaigns
 - 37. Manufactured
 - 38. An association of criminals
 - 39. Radioactivity unit
 - 41. Big London clock
 - 42. Indian dress
 - 43. Original cosmogony matter
 - 45. A single unit
 - 46. Picture taker
 - 49. In the past
 - 50. Marks of shame
 - 53. Tall cactus
 - 55. Someone from Seoul
 - 56. Exaggerated a role
 - 57. College army
 - 58. Scrape or shave

- CLUES DOWN
- 1. Enclosed
 - 2. Dresses up
 - 3. School organization
 - 4. Units of tennis play
 - 5. Principle Chinese ethnic group
 - 6. Little island (British)
 - 7. AKA's
 - 8. Detector
 - 9. Paid athletes
 - 10. A way to soak
 - 11. Impudence
 - 12. Dips lightly
 - 14. Satiny cotton fabric
 - 15. Fleshy covering on a birds' beak
 - 18. Wood cutting tools
 - 21. Full of high-spirited delight
 - 26. Bleats
 - 27. Cantankerous
 - 29. Satiated
 - 30. Not hers
 - 31. Superior grade wine
 - 33. Young children
 - 34. Rio de ____
 - 35. Crocus bulb
 - 36. Eastern greetings
 - 37. Teacher & guide
 - 38. Dutch name for Meuse
 - 40. Temperature measure
 - 41. Small wooded area
 - 42. Glance over
 - 44. A prevailing attitude
 - 47. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
 - 48. Used as a gelling agent in foods
 - 51. Obtain
 - 52. A waterproof raincoat
 - 54. Actress Thurman

Answers on page 26.

Basketball team travels to Peterborough for tourney

The boys' Red Hawks senior basketball team travelled to Peterborough for the annual pre-season Referee's Tournament. The boys lost two very competitive games to Adam Scott and Thomas A. Stewart but rebounded to defeat Bowmanville in the third game. Highlights included: McKay Coneybeare's leadership and intensity; Cam Little scoring our first bucket of the season; Kyle Cooper's Lebron-like block; Collin Martin's domination on the boards; Sam Longo's 15 points in our 39-32 victory; Jordan Lapierre's clutch three-pointer with three minutes left to seal the win.

Wrestlers bring home medals

Six representatives of the wrestling team travelled to Trenton to compete at the first event of the season. Our Red Hawks proved to be ready for competition by bringing home six medals. Chloe Samson took the bronze while Sonya Flatman, Emily Klose and Austin Wheller earned silver. Congratulations to Aidan Coles and Rebecca Hamilton for winning the gold.

Submitted by Judi Paul

Events



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Friday, December 9th, 2016
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Echoes from the Past & Times gone by

Worst storm of year hammers Highlands

One of the worst snow storms of the year hit the Highlands of Haliburton last Thursday and Friday causing a great deal of inconvenience to a great many people.

The storm which started on Wednesday night was in high gear on Thursday and continued right on through until late Friday night leaving in its wake about 12 inches of snow.

The school buses were out in spite of the storm on Thursday but they were called back at about 1:00 p.m. to transport the children back home from the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and the Senior Elementary School in Haliburton. On Friday morning some of the school buses made it to Haliburton but others did not attempt it. School continued just the same, but with many students away from the classrooms.

Haliburton County was without mail service on Friday as the mail truck was unable to get through from Lindsay and the Travelways bus from Haliburton to Lindsay was cancelled.

The Beaver Theatre in Minden and the Molou Theatre in Haliburton were both closed on Friday evening as the films never arrived due to the severe

storm.

Some of the businessmen in Haliburton closed their doors on Thursday and went home due to the fact that customers were unable to get to their places of business and business in both Minden and Haliburton and surrounding area was very poor on both Thursday and Friday.

Driving conditions were so poor on both days that motorists were asked to keep off the roads unless it was absolutely necessary to be driving. Roads were so bad that it took a motorist three hours to come from Harcourt to Haliburton.

Cars and trucks could be seen off the highways when slippery roads made driving very treacherous.

The heavy winds and heavy snowfall made driving conditions even bad on both the main streets in Minden and Haliburton and many motorists were stuck and had to be pushed out on both of these busy streets.

Many people left their vehicles at home and went to work on their snowmobiles - this seemed to be the best way to travel.

When it was all over most of the people here in the county were dreaming of those lucky people who were on vacation in Florida.

Train on schedule despite heavy snow

The crew of the Lindsay-Haliburton express and freight train had their fingers crossed as they

pulled out of Lindsay during a heavy storm for the scheduled Friday run into the Highlands and into Haliburton.

Telethon raises \$450

The Minden Rotary Club realized a total of \$450.00 from last Wednesday night's CHEX telethon for crippled children.

A spokesman for the telethon reported that the Crippled children's telethon, although not finally tallied, had at the last report netted some \$23,500, with a slightly higher figure still expected.

The spokesman noted that is a fair increase over last year's telethon which brought in some \$16,000.

The Haliburton Rotary club withdrew from this year's telethon claiming that the poor response they had received from the three previous telethons did not warrant another try at it.

Easter Seal campaign \$1,600 short of target

Jim Csanig, chairman of the Haliburton Rotary Club Easter Seal Campaign reported this week that the proceeds from the campaign up to this date are very discouraging and that the club is still a long way from the club's objective of \$2,200.

It's hard to believe that up to this time only \$600.00 has

been raised and as you can see time is running out and the club is approximately \$1,600.00 short of the target.

If the Rotary Club of Haliburton is to meet its obligations in helping crippled children they must have your donation right away. Please sit down now and send in your generous donation.

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Can an independent snowmobile racer find the drive to ace out the big factory sled jockeys? Gordon Shafer is out to prove that when all is said and done, it's always "A MATTER OF WINNING." This action-adventure film is

produced by American Cinema opening Friday, April 18th at the Molou Theatre Haliburton, and Monday, April 21 at the Beaver, Minden.

Ontario Development Corporation approval given for year-round recreation complex in Haliburton

Mr Wren Blair, President of One 2 One Corporation is delighted to announce that approval was received this week from the Eastern Ontario Development Corporation for the Primary Financing of a Year Round Recreational and Resort Complex for Haliburton.

The first phase of the complex includes a professional nine-hole golf course and a deluxe 36-unit Motor Hotel with conference facilities.

The 100-acre project is located just west of Coneybeare Motors on Highway 121, beside a 7 1/2 acre pond and will include a heated pool, tennis courts, sauna, dining room, cocktail lounge plus convention and meeting rooms.

Architect for the project is Gordon Ridgeley of the Toronto firm of Hamilton, Ridgeley and Bennett. Work commenced on the golf course last fall and the target opening date is the summer of '76.

The Directors of One 2

One Corporation along with Mr Blair are Jim Gregory, Toronto, Vice President; Art Ward, Haliburton, Secretary; Mr Lee Blair,

Haliburton; Mr Jack Davison, Oakville, Golf Professional; Glen Blair, Haliburton, Project Manager.

The first phase of the

complex is expected to provide year-round employment for 25 local residents and will cost in the area of \$1,250,000.00.

How much snow fell is big question

Following the severe snow storm that hit Haliburton County last Thursday and Friday many of our readers were questioning us on how much snow really fell during the storm. In the meantime we heard some pretty weird reports so we thought we would check into it.

We immediately were in touch with Jim Elstone who resides at West Guilford and who keeps the official records for Environment Canada.

Jim gave us some very interesting facts and stated in his report that between 13 and 20 inches of snow fell in Haliburton County in the two-day period and that 20 inches of snow fell at West Guilford.

This breaks all previous

records in Haliburton County for snowfall for the month of April and this goes back to 1882. The previous record for April was in 1970 when 13.3 inches fell on April 1 and 2.

Jim reported another interesting fact and that is that the storm last week which went through Southern Ontario brought with it the deepest atmospheric

pressure in 22 years.

For all those who are under the impression that we aren't getting as much snow as we used to, may we remind you that since 1968 and up to this year we have received over 100 inches of snow during the course of the winter. Another interesting point is that since 1968 more snow has fallen than in the previous year.

Pancake festival rescheduled

The weatherman has been anything but co-operative with the Lake Kashagawigamog Tourist Association which has scheduled its annual Pancake Festival on two previous Saturdays but in both cases it has had to be postponed due to inclement weather.

The group will try it once

again this coming Saturday, April 12 on Haliburton's main street from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The Lake Kashagawigamog Tourist Association members will be on hand to flip flapjacks and if conditions are O.K. buses will be on hand to take tours to the sugar bush.

Start your Christmas shopping at the craft sale

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UPCOMING Community Events

Kinmount- Tree Lighting Ceremony & Ringing of the Bells

When: Thursday, December 1, 2016, 6:30PM
Where: Austin Sawmill Heritage Park
Refreshments and pictures with Santa in the Railway Station following the lighting of the Christmas Tree

HALIBURTON: Food Handler Course

When: Thursday, December 1, 9 am to 5 pm
Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton.
This course teaches participants how to handle and prepare food safely. Upon successful completion, participants receive a certificate (valid for a period of five years) indicating they are registered as a certified food handler. Cost is \$40 per person. For more information and to confirm space availability, call the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391.

Kinmount - Christmas in the Village, A celebration of the holiday season

When: Saturday December 3, 2016
Pancake Breakfast with Santa: Anglican Church Hall, 8:30 am - 11:00 am
Children's crafts: Community Centre Upstairs, 11:00 am - 1:30 pm
Royal Canadian Legion Christmas Party for the Children: 2:00 pm
Christmas Music Night: Galway Hall. 7:00 pm.
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Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton-Gord Kidd & Friends in the Clubroom

When: Saturday, December 3rd, 2016, 4:00 to 7:00 pm
50/50 draw at 6:00 pm
Enjoy a delicious meal for \$6.00 by the Ladies Auxiliary
\$5.00 cover charge for non-members

Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop, Christmas Open House

When: Sunday, December 4th, 12 noon to 3 pm
Where: Haliburton Hospital
Christmas Bake Sale, Wheelbarrow of Wine draw, Refreshments

Lochlin Community Centre- Christmas Sale

When: Sunday December 4th, 11 am until 4 pm.
Vendor items include handmade candles, soaps, birdhouses, home decor, maple syrup, handmade signs, hand painted dishes.

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Hilda Clark
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Looking for some interesting gifts or a treat for yourself? Enjoy a light lunch with a friend? You can find those at Santa's Workshop Craft Sale at the Lloyd Watson Centre this Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free tea and coffee all day. Light refreshment from the kitchen include chili, sandwiches, a meat pie snack or just a muffin with your free coffee.

A small but very interested group of people attended a meeting at the LWMC last week about Aging Well in Haliburton County. At several levels people are working on finding ways to make life easier for residents to live well in our area. Improving transportation, ensuring decent houses for all ages, finding reasonable or free fitness and exercise opportunities such as safe walking paths were among things discussed. An Aging Well committee has been operating in the county for several years and has had some successful projects. Currently there has been no representation for this committee from the Wilberforce area.

There will be an ecumenical Christmas carol service on Sunday evening Dec. 4 at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre beginning at 7 p.m. Please bring a donation of food for the local Food Hub or a donation for the Community Christmas Dinner. Can't afford a donation? Just come and sing your heart out!

Members of the Loop Troupe met last week to fill leadership positions, to plan future stage productions and to belatedly celebrate successfully presenting *Who Murdered Who?* last spring. Steve Thornton will now chair the Troupe. Sherry Davis has taken on the secretary position that had been vacant. Hilda Clark will continue as treasurer.

The troupe extended appreciation to Dan Linkert for his years of leadership and know he will continue to contribute greatly in future efforts. Plans are progressing for a late winter/early spring production.

The "Glow In The Dark" curling bonspiel held Saturday, Nov. 19 was a popular one at the Wilberforce Club with 12 teams entered. Winning top spot in this one-day spiel was the team of Larry Strong, Darrell McQuigge, Kathy McQuigge and Ruth Strong from Wilberforce and Gooderham. In second place from Lakefield and Harcourt was the team of Larry Donaldson, Andrea Donaldson, Lee Donaldson and Lisa Donaldson. In third place was the Woodville team of Kent Beddows, Robin Betz, Jordon Thompson and Lindsay Budd. Congratulation to the winners and to Tammy Vaughan and her assistant for convening a successful tournament in the wonderfully renewed rink.

So much talent and energy abound in this county. The spirit of helping, sharing and working together is alive and well. The 2016 Haliburton Shindig certainly was successful fun fundraiser for Fuel For Warmth raising an amazing amount of money to help people heat their homes this winter.

So much co-operative energy and love of singing has in the past 25 years made the Highlands Festival Singers choir such a success. Two matinee performances of Handel's *Messiah* this past weekend with director Melissa Stephens, a chorus of over 50, with a guest organist, guest soloists and guest trumpeter presenting to sold out houses. Three cheers and a Hallelujah.

Nutcracker to usher in holidays

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

Once again the annual production of *The Nutcracker* is performed by The Heritage Ballet at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Dec. 3 and 4 are the dates. David Zilstra has one of the leading roles in a humorous act of the play. This is one of the aspects that ushers in the festive season.

In churches, it is the season of advent that tells us that it's time to prepare for Christmas. Advent wreaths are lit by candles, one Sunday at a time until the actual day when the Christ candle is lit on the blessed day itself.

In homes, baking announces the special time. I still

recall my introduction to shortbread. It was at the Presbyterian's manse and made by our minister's wife. It wasn't one of my mother's specialities – though the cake certainly was and the mince pies which I was allowed to make. Every year I mince the meat – stewing beef and add the delicious mix of apples, raisins and spices, setting aside as always some for the birds.

Decorations take precedent if there are children in the household, lucky people there. How I wish for my own grandchildren at this time of year!

However, community activity comes into its own in Abbey Gardens Winter Festival and Medeba's generous dinner of welcome to all who would like to share the meal with neighbours in such a beautiful setting on Dec. 17.

Euchre Scores:


High: Cliff Davison and Sandy Poulton

Low: Ron Bain and Pat Smyth

Most Lone Hands: Kay Morrison and Emile Duchene

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Notice
Inaugural Session of County Council
The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide **PUBLIC NOTICE** that the Inaugural Session of Haliburton County Council will take place on Tuesday December 13, 2016 commencing at 2:00 p.m. in the County Administration Building located at 11 Newcastle Street in Minden. The public is welcome to attend.
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Also thanks are extended to the local camps and lodges for donating product left from the summer.

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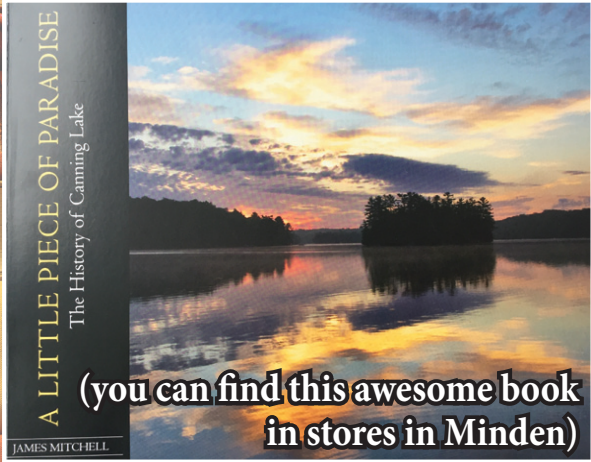
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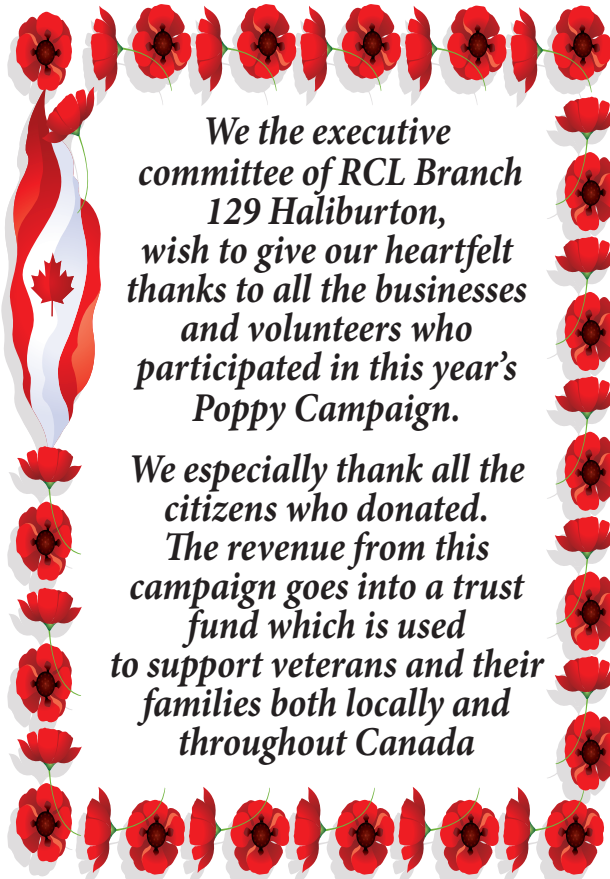
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